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Mr. James W. van Loben Sels, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: AMBAG 1996/97 - 1998/99 FTIP APPROVAL AND CONFORMITY FINDING

Your letter, dated March 24, 1997, documented Caltrans approval of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) 1996/97 - 1998/99 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), subject to a U.S. DOT finding of conformity to applicable air quality laws and regulations as well as an approval of this FTIP for inclusion into the California 1996/97 - 1998/99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Based upon our review of the AMBAG conformity determination of the 1996/97 FTIP, we find this FTIP to be in conformity with the State Implementation Plan (SIP). This finding has been coordinated with the Regional Offices of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and was made in accordance with the transitional phase requirements of the conformity procedures of the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAAAs) as provided within the EPA final rule on transportation conformity (40 CFR Part 51 and 93), as amended. AMBAG's Governing Board demonstrated meeting the criteria and procedures of the transportation conformity rule on January 8, 1997, when they adopted the 1996 FTIP (Resolution No. 1997-1).

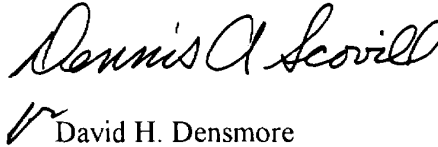
We accept this FTIP in accordance with 23 CFR 450. Based upon our review, we find that the AMBAG 1996/97 FTIP was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and 23 CFR 450. This finding is supported by the AMBAG and State Certifications, our continuous monitoring of AMBAG's planning process and the documents produced through that process. This FTIP was adopted by AMBAG through Resolution No. 1997-1, dated January 8, 1997.

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of the AMBAG 1996/97 FTIP into California's 1996/97 -1998/99 FSTIP. The AMBAG 1996 FTIP supersedes the AMBAG 1995/96 FTIP which had received joint FIIWA/FTA approval for inclusion into the 1996/97 - 1998/99 FSTIP on September 30, 1996. This approval is done with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,



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